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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Unclassified State Research Paper on
"The Characteristics of the People of Vietnam"
(Sec. 42, NIS 43-C-D)

1. Dan Clinton said that this was an unusual case because the external research contract was with a former State employee, Mary Slosser, who was thoroughly familiar with the NIS format, and used it in carrying out the project. He said that on the four copies of this paper that were sent to individuals within State and the one copy that went to CIA there was no identification of this paper with the NIS, but he admitted that a person having knowledge of the NIS might note that it was in the NIS format. The identifying cover slip on the copy received in OBI was placed on it in OCR.

2. Clinton said he had no knowledge of the four copies being released to individuals within State and the one copy to CIA. He said, however, that hereafter ERS will coordinate with his office on any materials prepared as NIS source material with NIS funds so he will be able to control the release, and the classification aspects of the matter.

3. Accordingly I have had our copy of this paper destroyed to get it out of circulation.

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